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SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE )  
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SAME )

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**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed in addition to the Supplemental IDS filed on July 12, 2002, and the IDS filed on September 27, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Based on reasonable inquiry, no document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and no document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing date of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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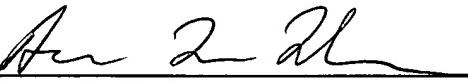
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